

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14 and 16-18 remain in this application. Claims 2, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice to their subsequent reinstatement. Claim 18 has been amended. The amendments are to correct a problem with antecedent basis and are not in view of overcoming any prior art of which applicants are aware. No new matter has been added in making the amendments. No new claims have been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14, and 16-18 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful search, and for finding allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14, and 16-18 are presented herein, and Applicants request that the Examiner proceed with allowing these claims.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection – Mislow et al. (J. Amer. Soc. 1962)

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mislow et al. (J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 1962). Claims 2, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 19 have been cancelled herein, so it is believed the rejection is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if any issue remains with the allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

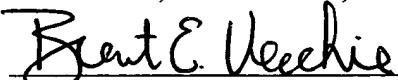
The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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